



MOUNT WASHINGTON

Berkshire County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Mount Washington is a residential community located in Berkshire County. The town is zoned residential with no commercial businesses or industries and is one of the smallest towns in the Commonwealth in terms of its population. The 1990 census lists 135 residents.

The town is situated among the Berkshire mountains, at an estimated 1661 feet above sea level. It has many outdoor scenic attractions, such as Bash Bish Falls, Mt. Everett, second highest peak in Massachusetts and the place where the Appalachian Trail traverses, and a state park enclosing over 6000 acres. The last weekend in June is the time for visitors and residents to enjoy the mountain laurel in full bloom in all of this untouched land. Recently, some portions of the town have been designated as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. This section of the Berkshires takes pride in its pristine beauty and is home to many rare plant and animal species.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southwestern Massachusetts, bordered by Egremont on the north; Sheffield on the east; Salisbury, Connecticut, on the south; and Ancram and Copake, New York, on the west. Mount Washington is 10 miles south of Great Barrington, 30 miles south of Pittsfield, and 145 miles southwest of Boston.

Total Area: 22.38 sq. miles

Land Area: 22.23 sq. miles

Population: 135

Density: 6 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Great Barrington Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Bashbish Falls, Egremont

Regional Planning Agency

Berkshire County

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 528-2839

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1779

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	84		
Democrats	14	16.7	%
Republicans	21	25.0	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	49	58.3	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Mount Washington town, Berkshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	130	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	130	100.0
Male.....	68	52.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	-	-
Female.....	62	47.7	Mexican.....	-	-
Under 5 years.....	8	6.2	Puerto Rican.....	-	-
5 to 9 years.....	6	4.6	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	8	6.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	-	-
15 to 19 years.....	1	0.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	130	100.0
20 to 24 years.....	2	1.5	White alone.....	130	100.0
25 to 34 years.....	6	4.6	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	22	16.9	Total population.....	130	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	23	17.7	In households.....	130	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	16	12.3	Householder.....	64	49.2
60 to 64 years.....	18	13.8	Spouse.....	31	23.8
65 to 74 years.....	9	6.9	Child.....	27	20.8
75 to 84 years.....	8	6.2	Own child under 18 years.....	19	14.6
85 years and over.....	3	2.3	Other relatives.....	5	3.8
Median age (years).....	51.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	3	2.3
18 years and over.....	108	83.1	Nonrelatives.....	3	2.3
Male.....	55	42.3	Unmarried partner.....	2	1.5
Female.....	53	40.8	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	107	82.3	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	27	20.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	20	15.4	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	11	8.5	Total households.....	64	100.0
Female.....	9	6.9	Family households (families).....	37	57.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	10	15.6
One race.....	130	100.0	Married-couple family.....	31	48.4
White.....	130	100.0	With own children under 18 years.....	9	14.1
Black or African American.....	-	-	Female householder, no husband present.....	3	4.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	-	-	With own children under 18 years.....	1	1.6
Asian.....	-	-	Nonfamily households.....	27	42.2
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	24	37.5
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	7	10.9
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	11	17.2
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	15	23.4
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	2.03	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.70	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	128	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	64	50.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	64	50.0
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	59	46.1
Some other race.....	-	-	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	3.2	(X)
Two or more races.....	-	-	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	33.3	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	64	100.0
White.....	130	100.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	60	93.8
Black or African American.....	-	-	Renter-occupied housing units.....	4	6.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	-	-	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.07	(X)
Asian.....	-	-	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.50	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	-	-			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	0
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Mount Washington is situated in Berkshire County, a region of hills and low mountains that widen to create the Berkshire Valley in the south. The major cities and towns are linked together by U.S. Route 7. North Adams and Pittsfield are major points of entry for rail freight into Massachusetts, and the region has several commercial airports.

Major Highways

Mount Washington has no numbered state highways. The principal highways serving the town are State Route 23, which runs E-W across the Berkshires and into New York State via Egremont, and U.S. Route 7, which is accessible in the neighboring town of Sheffield.

Rail

There is no freight service in town, but the Housatonic Railroad operates a public delivery track in neighboring Sheffield.

Bus

Mount Washington is not affiliated with any regional transit authority.

Other

The Great Barrington Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,579'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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